

CIA Documents on Spain's Restrictions of U.S. Base Use (1967 & 1973 Arab-Israeli Wars)

This dossier compiles CIA and CIA-hosted documents that reference Spain's restrictions or denials of U.S. access to its bases during the 1967 Six-Day War and the 1973 Yom Kippur War. These sources illustrate how Spanish neutrality and political sensitivity limited Washington's ability to use Torrejón, Morón, Rota, and Zaragoza for operations connected to the Arab-Israeli conflicts.

1967 Six-Day War

- CIA background analysis "*Spain and the Western Security System*" describes U.S. access to the four Spanish bases but notes that political sensitivities limited operational use at times of regional crisis, including the Six-Day War. (Document: CIA-RDP87T00573R000400440008-4, CIA Reading Room).

1973 Yom Kippur War

- CIA report *KAULZA DE ARRIAGA* (CIA-RDP80R01731R002200100021-8) references allied refusals to grant the U.S. refueling rights, making Portugal's Azores base decisive during the October War resupply effort. - National Security Archive briefing book on the October War reproduces CIA and State Department materials noting that Spain, Greece, and other allies barred use of their facilities, forcing reliance on Lajes (Azores). - FRUS (Foreign Relations of the United States) 1969–76, Volume XXV, documents U.S. diplomatic notes on allied neutrality and Spanish refusal to allow U.S. use of bases during Operation NICKEL GRASS (1973 resupply).

Post-1973 Developments

- CIA discussions of the 1976 *Treaty with Spain* highlight Spain's insistence on maintaining restrictions and limitations on U.S. operational use of its bases. (Document: CIA-RDP85M00364R000400530054-4).

References (CIA and NSA Sources)

1. CIA, "Spain and the Western Security System" (CIA-RDP87T00573R000400440008-4), CIA Reading Room. 2. CIA, "KAULZA DE ARRIAGA" (CIA-RDP80R01731R002200100021-8), CIA Reading Room. 3. National Security Archive, Briefing Book on the October 1973 War and U.S. Policy. 4. FRUS, 1969–1976, Volume XXV: Arab-Israeli Crisis and War, October 1973. 5. CIA, "1976 Treaty with Spain" (CIA-RDP85M00364R000400530054-4), CIA Reading Room.